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In February 1954, the burgomasters of Kreis Hildburghausen were ordered to in-
crease recruiting activities for the VP.

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recruiting activities for the VP-Saa and the Aspelub had been dis-
continued except for specialists in the field of shipbuilding.

3. The recruiting campaign for the KVP, BVDP, BVDVP, and the SFS is being con-
ducted by officers and NCOs of all the VP branches of service mentioned. Civilian
employees do not participate in this campaign which is usually conducted over
week ends.

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4. Since all recruiting activities conducted in the civilian sector are controlled
by the SED Central Committee, the acting SED party secretaries at factories are
responsible for the success of the recruiting campaign conducted for the VP
in industrial enterprises. Officers and NCOs of the Kreisregistrarsabteilung
(recruiting office) continuously check on the success of recruiting activities
in such enterprises.

5. extensive recruiting activities were
going on for the Wismut AG in the Sonneberg area. The physical examination for
candidates recruited takes place at Erfurt. Since so far none of those recruited
have been ordered to report for work, it is generally believed that preparatory
measures for the introduction of universal military service are actually involved.

6. all burgomasters of Kreis Paezwalk were ordered
to draw up lists of all males from 18 to 45 years old. The lists must be submitted
to the competent district police headquarters.

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On 5 March 1954, KVP officers and SED functionaries made propaganda for the KVP
at the secondary school in Torgeiow. The same happened on 6 March at the secondary
school in Ueckermuende. A total of 40 juveniles are said to have declared their
readiness to join the KVP.

8. at the radio engineering plant in Zittau/Obersdorf. The

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Recruiting activities were concentrated upon males from 18 to 45 years old.

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In spite of favorable conditions, only two juveniles had volunteered for service with the KVP at the radio engineering plant prior to 9 March 1954. No member of the work force of the plant volunteered for the other VP branches of service.

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a recruiting campaign for the VP was being conducted by Bauunion Brandenburg. FDJ groups at industrial enterprises were observed to draw up lists of all males up to 25 years old and submit these lists to government agencies.

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comment. The present report and other pertinent information indicates that every effort is being made in East Germany to make the current recruiting campaign a success. It appears that special stress is being laid on the recruiting of personnel for KVP-Army units. The recruiting campaign was started by orders issued by Lieutenant General Hoffmann on 26 September 1953.

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